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Roads formed under N.E.S. Scheme

* 847 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state by whom the roads that are formed under Firka Development and National Extension Service Blocks are expected to be maintained?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The matter is under examination."

Dumping ground for Cannanore.

* 848 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a request from the Cannanore Municipality urging them to acquire a piece of land in Chelara amsam, Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, for being used by the municipality as a dumping ground for the refuse and other waste matter, gathered in the municipal limits; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act and a declaration under section 6 have been published in the *Fort. St. George Gazette.* Further action is being taken by the Collector of Malabar."

* 849 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I request that this question may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes. It will be taken up tomorrow."

Trade Unions.

* 850 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Trade Unions registered so far in 1954; and

(b) the number of registrations cancelled during the same period?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 112.

" (b) 55."

Supply of electricity to Udayarpalayam.

* 851 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1224, dated 11th August 1954—

(a) whether the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation Limited, has agreed to surrender the Udayarpalayam area to the Government Department; and

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(*b*) if so, whether, under the recent Rural Electricity Extension Scheme, any amount has been allotted for extension of electricity to the Udayarpalayam area?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Ltd., have offered to surrender the Udayarpalayam area to Government.

" (*b*) The question of Government taking up electricity extension schemes in the area will be examined if the area is taken over by Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* CIRCULATION OF DRAFT BILL [THE SOUTH KANARA CULTIVATING TENANTS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955] TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri Narayana Kurup, has given notice of a Privilege Motion which reads as follows :—

> 'On 15th February 1955 in the course of the discussion relating to the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1955, it was disclosed that a draft Bill prepared by the Government on tenancy legislation in South Kanara was circulated among only certain Members of the House and that a copy of that Bill was also received by the Hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, a reference to which was made in his speech. This discrimination in giving information about pending legislation is a gross breach of the privilege of the House as a whole and therefore the House resolves to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges for investigation and report.'

I wish to know from the hon. Member who has revealed it? "

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, before I state my case, I may be permitted to quote one sentence from May's Parliamentary Practice, which runs as follows :—

> 'It may be stated generally that any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its function or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty or which has a tendency directly or indirectly to produce such results may be treated even as contempt, even though there is no precedent of the offence.'

MR. SPEAKER :—" Only if it ' impedes '."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" It is on that that I am going to address the House. It is seen that the privileges are enjoyed by the House collectively and the hon. Members individually. I would further say that they are enjoyed by the hon. Members equally. Now the facts are these. As has been mentioned in the Privilege Motion itself, when the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Bill was being discussed, it was specifically mentioned by the hon. Member Sri Manjayya Shetty that a draft Bill (Interruption), I concede that it is not a draft of the Bill under consideration but a Bill intimately connected with the tenancy legislation of South Kanara—was circulated to him and